

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

**Tuesday, June 7th, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

**China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of June 7, 2011 to order and welcomed all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bringle called roll. All council members were present with the exception of Mr. Linn who is excused from the meeting due to illness. There was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on June 7, 2011. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the April 21, 2011 special meeting minutes. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to adopt the May 3, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the May 5, 2011 budget meeting minutes. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Overcash made a motion to adopt the May 10, 2011 budget meeting minutes. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Mike Zimmerman, Fire Chief – Bostian Heights Fire Department

Mr. Zimmerman stated that he sent a letter in April to Mr. Deal concerning the annexation of the Altec site. He stated that he has been in contact with Benchmark and the Town concerning this annexation and has spoken with Mr. Deal but has not been provided with a further reply from Benchmark. He stated that he has found out about annexations from reading the newspaper and that he is glad that the Town has transferred their planning and zoning to the County. He thanked the Council for their time.

2. Barbara Welter – 503 Hickory Nut Lane

Mrs. Welter stated that she wanted to make the Council aware of an incident involving the CGPD. She stated that on May 28th an officer came to her residence concerning the larceny of a dog. She explained that she was told to return the dog to the neighbor or she was going to jail. She stated that she did not return the dog and was taken to jail. She stated that she has heard stories and is starting to believe some of the stories being told and that they need to focus their concerns on more serious matters.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RETIREMENT

Mayor Bringle acknowledged Kent Mishak for his service of thirty years to the Town and will be retiring July 1, 2011. He thanked Mr. Mishak for his knowledge and work commitment and wished him the best in his retirement. He also thanked Willie Blackmon for his service to the Town.

PUBLIC HEARING

I) Northend Plaza – Annexation Request

Mrs. Hines presented the request for annexation and reviewed the staff report. She stated that a motion is needed to pass the request.

Mayor Bringle opened the Public Hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Bringle closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits of the Town of China Grove, North Carolina, Rowan County Parcel 124 029. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

I) Minimum Housing Code Violations

Mr. Deal stated that he has spoken with the owner at 21 Oak Street and she has requested a thirty day extension to demolish or repair the home. He stated that he recommends passing the ordinance to be effective thirty days as of June 7, 2011.

Mr. Withers made the motion to adopt the Ordinance to demolish the vacant home at 21 Oak Street with the extension of thirty days. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Amendments to Ordinance: Chapter 58, Article VII – Low Speed Vehicle

Mr. Deal stated that with the amendments, the ordinance would encourage more people to operate low speed vehicles in town. The fee would be \$50 for the first year and \$10 per subsequent registration.

Mr. Upright made the motion to approve the amendments to the Ordinance, Chapter 58, Article VII – Low Speed Vehicle. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

III) Set date for Public Hearing for Budget Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for June 21, 2011

Mr. Upright made a motion to set the Budget Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 to June 21, 2011 at 5:30 pm. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Deal stated that the renovation project is moving along nicely. He stated that there were issues with removing too much dirt but it has been fixed and they are waiting on steel to begin the next phase.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bringle stated that the 5K run will be Friday and there is already a large turnout of runners registered for the event. He welcomes everyone to attend the events. He thanked Public Works, Fire Department and Police Department for their work to coordinate the event.

Mayor Bringle stated that Farmers Day is coming up on July 16 2011.

Mr. Withers stated that everything is moving along and that things have been downsized just a bit because of the loss of the fire department.

Mayor Bringle stated a newsletter will be going out to notify the public of the water/sewer transfer by Friday.

Mayor Bringle stated that he would like to see some events in the downtown area for the summer.

Mayor Bringle stated that the siren at the Fire Department will begin operating again June 8, 2011.

Mayor Bringle stated that in years past they have not met in July. He stated that he would recommend canceling the July meeting.

Mr. Overcash made a motion to cancel the July meeting. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Mr. Upright made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk

Donald E. Bringle, Mayor